

Joe Lynch Has Chance at Bantam Title--Knicks May Battle Bulldogs

LOOKING 'EM OVER

By - - - - - LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Pete Herman Defends His Title

Pete Herman, world's bantamweight champion, has finally been cornered. On Wednesday night he will climb through the ropes at Madison Square Garden and defend his crown against Joe Lynch, the New York challenger, in a fifteen-round contest to a decision. It has been difficult to coax the present champion into a ring where a referee might decide against him, though he has been willing enough to travel around, meeting set-ups in no-decision bouts and raking down the easy money. However, this is a habit with most of our ring champions, so Herman cannot be especially blamed for his action since acquiring the title from Kid Williams, the Baltimore brawler.

Williams knocked out Johnny Coulon in three rounds in 1914. He successfully defended his title until he ran up against Pete Herman in New Orleans on January 9, 1917. That was their third contest. In 1914 they had battled ten rounds without a decision. On February 7 they fought a draw in twenty rounds at New Orleans. At last, with Billy Roca, of Philadelphia, deciding the points, the little Italian boot-black managed to wrest the title from Williams. He gave the Baltimore "Wolf Boy" another neat trimming in a six-round bout in Philadelphia, thus ending his pretensions. Herman later knocked out Johnny Coulon in three rounds and defeated Frankie Burns over the twenty-round route at New Orleans, but he has been extremely careful about tackling any real challengers. Coulon was all through and so was Burns when they met Herman, who is a rough, rugged little fellow who can both hit and box.

Wednesday's bout will be Lynch's third against Herman. Shortly after defeating Williams Herman went to New York and slammed the daylight out of Lynch in ten rounds, the New Yorker being then just started on his career. In their second meeting, at Waterbury, Conn., a few months ago, the newspaper decisions all went to Lynch. Herman did not care to tackle the New Yorker for the title and told him to get a reputation. This Lynch did by knocking out Jack Sharkey in one of the most spectacular contests ever staged in New York City. The result was the signing of Lynch to battle Herman for the world's bantamweight championship.

While Pete Herman has been severely scored for his unwillingness to defend his title against the best challengers, nevertheless it is admitted that few champions have had more class. He can easily make the 118 pounds at 2 o'clock required under the New York law and at that weight, be strong as a bull.

Herman is accustomed to boxing over the fifteen and twenty-round routes. He has plenty of strength, can hit with either hand and has all the cleverness needed to make suckers out of ordinary boxers. He is no fake titleholder. Joe Lynch will need all his ability plus luck to become world's bantam champion at the expense of the New Orleans lad.

HERMAN'S RECORD GOOD.

One peek at Herman's ring record shows his class. He has knocked out Johnny Ertle, Frankie Mason, K. O. Brown, Eddie Coulon, Johnny Ritchie, and Johnny Coulon, besides defeating Frankie Burns, Al Shubert, Frankie Brown and Eddie Campi. Furthermore, Herman is no six-round boxer. Most of his bouts have been at least ten rounds in length, with many running as long as twenty.

Joe Lynch began moving to the top fast when he defeated Kid Williams in Philadelphia. The Baltimore boy had never dropped till he ran into Lynch's wallop. The New Yorker immediately began taking on the best in his class, winning from Al Moore, Abe Goldstein, and finally Jack Sharkey. It was his victory over Sharkey a couple of weeks ago that gave him his chance with Herman.

During the war Lynch served with the Fifty-second Pioneer Infantry and represented his country and the A. E. F. in the famous boxing tourney in London. Though coming right out of the trenches, Lynch's work against Jimmy Wilde was so impressive he was matched with the marvelous Briton for a fifteen-round bout.

In March, 1919, Lynch and Wilde fought their great battle in London. The judges awarded the victory to Wilde, but every British boxing writer claimed that the judges had erred and that the American should have been given the triumph. "Lynch has personality," said Eugene Corri, England's famous referee, "punch-

ing, boxing and fighting ability rarely seen."

LYNCH IS A FREAK.

In stature, Joe Lynch is a freak. He stands five feet six and a half inches in the air on legs like those of a crane. But his torso is exceedingly well developed, the result of "smashing" baggage in his father's express business. His arms are long and strong and his endurance all that might be desired. He could be called a small edition of Bob Fitzsimmons.

The champion is a compactly built fellow, more like the usual bantam. He is very fast on his feet and can hit from any angle. He has plenty of confidence in himself. Indeed, he promises to knock out Lynch Wednesday night.

Were it not for Lynch's distressful habit of having "off nights," he would be a favorite over Herman. Those who saw Lynch batter Jack Sharkey around the ring at Madison Square Garden, or who saw him knock out Jack Sharkey to the limit the next day against Herman. But since then they have recalled his frequent poor bouts and this militates against him in their waging moods.

FIRST SINCE TERRY.

If Lynch wins the title, he will be the first New Yorker to hold the bantam honors since "Terrible" Terry McGovern started the fistic world by his totally unexpected victory over Pedlar Palmer twenty-one years ago. This Herman-Lynch bout will be the first for the bantam title fought in New York since May 30, 1898. On that day Jimmy Barry successfully defended the title at Coney Island against Jasper Leon. The bout was called a draw after twenty rounds of stellar boxing at 105 pounds.

In those ancient days bantams fought at 105 pounds or less. It was the featherweight class which entered the ring at 115. The passing years successive changes have boosted the poundage until today the New York State laws recognize 118 pounds at 2 o'clock at the required limit of the bantam class.

Jimmy Barry, now living a peaceful life in Chicago, retired undefeated after his draw with Leon. The latter is now in straitened circumstances in Philadelphia. Sporting Club. These times, Barry knocking out his rival in twenty-eight rounds in 1894 and battling to a draw in fourteen rounds on March 30, 1895.

BARRY WAS A HITTER.

A tiny bite of a man, this Barry was a hitter. After battling twenty rounds to a draw in New York with Sammy Kelly in January, 1897, the Glasgower went to England and fought Walter Croft, the British champion, for the world's title. Barry gave the English midge such a terrific beating that he died a few days later. The American was exonerated and returned home. That unfortunate accident seemed to bother him and he shortly after retired, leaving the way open for the spectacular rise of Terry McGovern.

George Dixon was to have met Pedlar Palmer, the British champion, but McGovern was selected as a first horse. That bout lives in history. It was fought at Tuckahoe and ended in the first round.

Palmer came out of his corner in the typical British pose. He scored the unknown McGovern and showed it. But he had no time for scoring before the wild lad from Brooklyn was at him. Bag, bang, went McGovern's fists and down went Palmer. George



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PATSY CLINE WILL TRY AGAIN

Irish Patsy Cline, after suffering a most unusual injury in the ring, is planning a comeback.

While boxing Benny Leonard two years ago, the latter landed a stiff jab under Cline's left eye. The third cranial nerve was affected, paralyzing the muscle it controlled and causing diplopia. This accident caused him to see double, as there was a terrific focal point for each eye.

Cline submitted to an operation some months ago, and is now all right once more. He says before the latter met Bill Brennan, and soon hopes to step into the ring himself.

Siler, the referee, reached "three" in his count when the bell sounded.

RINGING A MISTAKE.

The sound of the bell was a mistake, for the two bantams had been fighting only a minute, so Siler ordered them into the center of the ring again. The "Terrible" Terry came out with a rush, the Britisher still weak and groggy from the punishment he had already taken.

Palmer tried to keep McGovern away with his left, but the American pushed aside and dealt a awful blow to the body. Four crushers to the heart toppled the Englishman forward.

Instantly, as though it had all been planned, McGovern brought up his crushing left uppercut. It landed flush on Palmer's chin and he was out. Siler could have counted 1,000. But that was in the long ago. That was twenty-one years ago, to be exact. Only a year ago McGovern passed away, an object of charity. He had lived as fast as he had fought.

Today Joe Lynch seeks the honors held by Terry McGovern, but Lynch is of the modern type. He takes care of himself, invests his money in real estate and will leave the ring a well-to-do young man.

Ah well, it's a great life!

YOUNG AHEARN SEEKING BOUT WITH YOUNG BOWEN

Washington Southpaw Wants Ardmore Club to Arrange It.

If the Ardmore club will arrange it, Young Ahearn, Washington's southpaw boxer, will gladly enter the ring with Young Bowen, who has been winning all his battles since coming to this country from the south.

Tomorrow night Ahearn, who has been boxing in New England for the past two months, enters the ring at Providence for ten rounds with Young Bowen, of New Bedford, Mass., one of the best featherweights in that country. If he wins this bout, Ahearn may return to Washington for the holidays.

"Like nothing better than a chance to show my friends at home that I can beat Bowen," writes Ahearn to the sports editor of The Washington Times. "I know that he is a good boy, a New Englander in all his bouts. But I think I can beat him, just the same. I wish the Ardmore club would hook us up together for ten or even fifteen rounds."

LONDON BOBBIES COME TO FACE GOTHAM COPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The heavy-weight and the middleweight champions of the London Police force are scheduled to arrive here today to box the champions of the New York force in their respective classes before the International Sporting Club. These bouts will be part of a big tournament to be staged next month.

The boxing champions of Britain's navy are due here Wednesday, when they will meet the champions of the club, will return from England. They will appear in the same show and will meet America's army and navy champions. Full details of the tournament are to be announced later.

MCCANN TO MEET KANSAS IN FORT MYER PROGRAM

Shorty McCann, featherweight battler of Fort Myer, is slated to meet Chick Kansas, of the Camp Holabird stable, in the New Year day boxing feature arranged by the officers of Fort Myer.

In the semi-final, an eight-round affair, Frank Stacey, of Holabird, will tackle Bill O'Connell, of Fort Myer. Two lightweights will mix it up in the first six-round engagement. Kid Chicoria of Holabird and Pug Thompson of the same camp will take the ring.

A four-round affair and another six-round bout are scheduled to meet. These bouts will be arranged by District Officer McCall in the next few days.

Comets Will Play.

Epiphany Comets play the Carroll Club team tomorrow night, and the Navy Yard five Wednesday night.

Sterlings Ready.

Sterling A. C. players want games with 140-pound basketball teams. R. T. Kennedy is manager and can be reached at 36 K street northeast.

Want Floor Games.

The Virginia Midget A. C. is in the field for basketball games with any teams in the District averaging 105 pounds. Address Sterling Hall, 225 South Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va.

May Hold Meeting.

Basketball coaches plan a meeting here just after the holidays. It is not unlikely that a game will be staged for the purpose of interpreting the rules.

Judge Rummy



By TAD



KNICKER MANAGER WANTS JIM THORPE



Georgetown Man Dicks to Get Famous Canton Tigers Here for Game.



Washington football fans may see Jim Thorpe's famous Canton Tigers here in action if Manager Joe Kearney, of the Knickerbockers, puts through a deal contemplated today. The astute Georgetown promoter, who astonished the grid fans of the Capital yesterday with an array of football talent that would stack up with the best in the country, has the project under consideration.

Thorpe's Tigers played in Richmond last week. They contemplate playing no more games this season, but Joe Guyon, Pete Calac, Henry Tomlin and Whelan, who played with the Knickerbockers against the Rexmen yesterday, are of the opinion that the Tigers can be gotten here for an engagement on Sunday.

Joe Guyon is on his way to Cleveland to broach the subject to Thorpe today and Kearney may have something interesting to give out within the next twenty-four hours.

Yesterday at American League Park the Knickerbockers, loaded to the guards with All-American talent, defeated the Rexmen by 14 to 0. The Northern clubmen earned nothing but praise for their effort in stopping the Knicks in two touchdowns. Early in the game Jack Sullivan, Mackert, Van Brocklin, and Harry Harris, with a magdodon line in front of them, got through the Rex defense for a touchdown. Harris kicked goal.

Unable to do much on offense, the Rexmen played consistently well on defense and were able to keep the Knicks from scoring during the remainder of the half.

It was not until Pete Calac was intercepted into the fray in the second half that the Knickerbockers got another touchdown. Calac ran the kick-off back to the center of the field. A series of line smashes failed to gain more than two first downs and the Knicks were forced to boot.

Guyon returned a minute later with a short 25-yard kick, which Calac grabbed on the backward run, and after wheeling speed on down the field with fine interference for a touchdown ending up a 45-yard sprint.

Despite the fact that the Rexmen gained but two first downs they displayed plenty of grit and earned nothing but praise for their work. The Knickerbockers had such stars as Epplay, of Maryland; Henry of Washington and Jefferson; Harry Harris, Phil Robb, Ahearn, J. Sullivan, King, Whelan, Van Brocklin, Mackert, Weathers, Calac, Frank Harris, McCarthy, and Tomlin in the line-up.

HENLEY RACES FOR ANNAPOLIS CREWS

Midshipmen Not Expected to Appear at Poughkeepsie Regatta.

By HUGH F. RILEY.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—The Naval Academy rowing management has made a tentative outline of the schedule for next spring, though no definite plans have yet been made. The midshipmen will meet several opponents in races in local waters, and will take part in one big event away from home. It is much more likely that this will be the American Henley than the Poughkeepsie regatta, which the Intercollegiate Rowing Association expects to revive.

As to the Poughkeepsie regatta, the situation will probably be such that the Navy Department will not give the necessary permission for the Academy crew to enter, and even if that could be obtained, the Academy would probably prefer the Henley.

It is known that the Academy oarsmen would not be given permission to enter the annual practice cruise event if the annual practice cruise goes to European or West coast points, and it is known that the chances favor such a cruise. If the cruise is along the Eastern coast, which is possible, the permission could probably be obtained.

The general feeling is, however, that the Henley is the more desirable event. The Academy would meet there most of the opponents that it would meet at the Poughkeepsie event and could enter a large number of crews. The Naval Academy has had its crews in this event several times, and once it was held on the Annapolis course.

Upon the whole, it seems advisable to most of those connected with rowing here to remain with it. This will be decided later. However, the chances of a Navy entry at Poughkeepsie are slim.

For the local season, a race with Syracuse is assured, and one with Harvard is probable. The Navy management is making a special effort to secure a race against Cornell, which has not opposed them for a number of seasons.

Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Pennsylvania are possibilities, and the Academy would be free to row against any or all of them, either in dual races or for a larger number of contestants. One triangular race at Annapolis is a probability.

FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE MAY ABOLISH SHIFT PLAYS

A curbing of shift plays as used in various forms in the modern football game will be the chief work of the football rules committee when it goes into session this winter. There is much dissatisfaction until after the Dartmouth game when the shift play will be ruled out altogether.

During the past season it was left to the discretion of the officials to determine whether or not the line and backfield were "in motion" when the ball was snapped back after the shift had been made. The chief fault this disclosed was that more officials interpreted differently and that there were too many men to watch on the shift.

It is a matter of record that Heisman's shift failed to gain effectiveness until after the Dartmouth game when the Penn coaches speeded up their glide about 100 per cent.

FOLLOWED AFTER GREEN.

The Red and Blue football authorities had believed that to run off the shift in any other way than the one they were using would make it illegal. Then they saw the Big Green team jump into position. According to their interpretation, the Dartmouth shift looked very illegal. Sometimes the line did not hesitate a particle between the "jump" and the charge.

But the chief thing Penn learned was that Dartmouth had been getting away with that shift all year. It swept Columbia off its feet and gained consistently against Cornell. In those two games Penn was penalized only five times for the shift.

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR.

But the only hitch for next year is that some of the highest football players in the country saw Penn play Cornell and they shook their heads dubiously at the shift.

To experts it looked as if Penn and Dartmouth sometimes had ten men in motion when the ball was snapped. The reason there weren't eleven was because the center had to remain stationary.

If this judgment is correct, reports say, the shift in its present form will be defined by the committee as either to make the shift lose its efficiency or else there may be an extra official to watch it.

Another move that has been suggested is to prohibit the line from shifting and still let the backfield shift in strict accord with the rules. One official would have little trouble in keeping his orb glued on the back line quartet. This would still permit a charge that would be advantageous and would give the offense an advantage.

PENN STATES CASE.

Penn State was the chief beneficiary of the backfield shift this year, and Coach Hugo Bezdek used it to advantage in every game. Used in conjunction with Bezdek's nifty off-tackle plunge that starts like an end run, it was extremely effective.

Dr. Charles M. (Buck) Wharton, Penn's line coach, was asked about the contemplated changes and delivered himself as follows:

"I have heard most of these reports and discussed them with some of the members of the rules committee. To my mind it is extremely likely that there will be some sort of legislation against the shift."

"It is my opinion that Dartmouth was plainly offside in her game with us, though this, of course, was up to the officials."

"We certainly did not expect to see the shift run as it was. I have no idea what the committee will do, but I do know there are members in favor of preventing a line shift and permitting a backfield shift."

May Land Tourney.

Columbia Country Club may land the big national open amateur golf championship in another year. The course was favorably commented upon by Vardon and Ray on their recent visit.

Eighty Pounders Ready.

I. C. S. Midgets, averaging eighty pounds, want games with teams for Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Write Thomas Ryan, 1008 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

BALTIMORE BOXER IN GOOD CONDITION

Little Jeff Expects to Win From Frankie Murray at Ardmore.

Little Jeff, the Baltimore bantam, who tackles Frankie Murray, of Philadelphia, in a ten-round feature bout at Ardmore tomorrow night, will arrive in town some time today. He sent word to Manager Sullivan that he looks for a speedy victory over the Quaker lad who faces him.

The Baltimore midget has been coming to front fast during the past year. His manager thinks he will be challenging the champion before another year passes, so rapid has been his progress. Jeff is in fine shape, the result of frequent work in the ring, and he believes he will have no trouble in disposing of Murray.

The Philadelphia, on the other hand, is expected to hold up his end. Little Jeff for the long count. Murray showed a speedy victory over the Quaker lad who faces him.

In addition to the main bout there will be five six-round contests and one of four rounds. The best leads in this vicinity have been signed up for the show which will be the last until next year.

INSURGENT FACTION IS PREPARING STATEMENT

"Big Three" Expected to Issue Complaint Soon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The insurgent faction in the American League is said to be preparing a statement regarding President Ban Johnson's move in keeping its members off the board of directors.

Colonels Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston of the Yankees, Harry Frazee of the Red Sox and Charles A. Comiskey of the White Sox will sign the statement jointly when it is completed, according to reports.

To Play Benefit.

Mohawk A. C. players and the Metropolitan A. C. eleven meet Sunday afternoon at Union Park in a benefit game to be played for the benefit of H. P. Daily, a Washington A. C. player, who recently died from injuries received playing football.

Will Get Richmond.

Knickerbocker A. C. players will meet the John Marshall A. C. eleven of Richmond here New Year Day for the benefit of the American League.

Here It Is

Patience Isn't Necessarily a Virtue; More Often It's a Necessity.

COLUMBIA AND COLGATE TO MEET ON GRIDIRON

New Yorkers Book Hard Schedule for Eleven Next Year.

For the first time in history Colgate's football eleven will tackle Columbia in New York on November 24, 1921. The Hamiltonians expect to have a strong team next fall and, finishing the season in the metropolis, should bring out a huge throng.

Columbia does not meet Pennsylvania on the gridiron next season, but for all that will play a stiff schedule. Beginning with Amherst, Wesleyan and New York University, the Blue and White will then go to Hanover, N. H., for a game with Dartmouth. The Hanoverians will play in New York in 1922 and 1923.

Williams, Cornell, Ohio State and Colgate will close the schedule in that order. Ohio State has never played in the East, and is sure to be a big drawing card.

MARYLAND ELEVEN LISTS TEN GRIDIRON BATTLES

H. C. Byrd, director of athletics at Maryland University, announces ten football games for the season of 1921. The College Park men have distributed their contests around through the North and South.

With Brewer elected captain of the eleven for last season and Mackert, McDonald, Epplay and Sullivan the only missing members of the squad for next season, Maryland is looking forward to a successful year.

The schedule follows: September 24, Randolph-Macon (pending); October 1, Rutgers at New Brunswick; October 8, Syracuse at Syracuse; October 15, St. John's; October 22, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; October 29, University of North Carolina; November 5, Yale at New Haven; November 12, Catholic University at Washington; November 19, Washington College; November 24 (Thanksgiving), North Carolina State.

Closes for Holidays.

Gaillardet College basketballs have closed up their year contests until after the holidays.

St. John's Plays.

St. John's College has booked two games this week. The Eastern team will be played today and Business will be met on Wednesday.

Yankees Will Play.

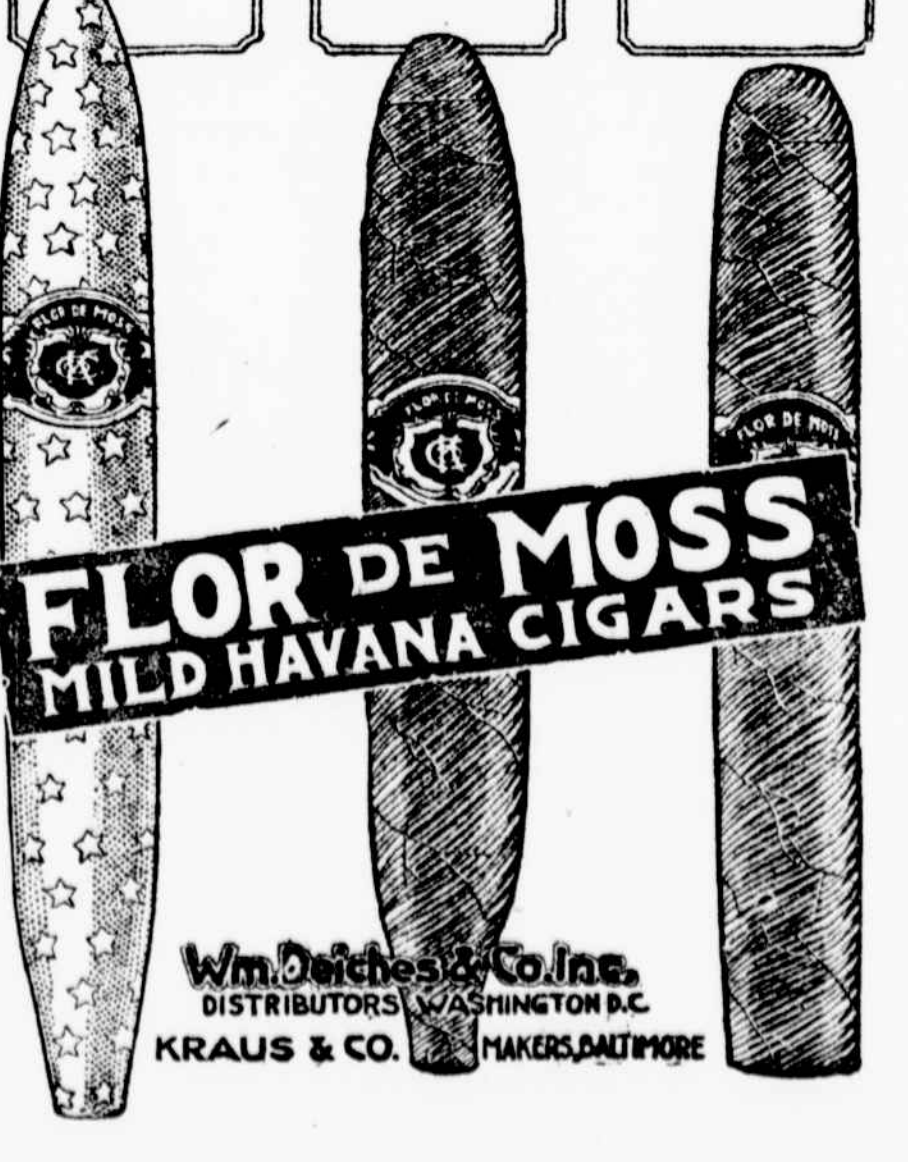
The Congress Heights Yankees will play the Allied Club, of Baltimore, A. A. U. champions of last year, in Congress Heights Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Schedule Comes Out.

Western High School's basketball schedule is expected out this week. John Hanna has been arranging the contests for the Red and White.

Will Get Early Game.

Maryland University is seeking a game for September 24 for next fall. Some light college eleven is expected to give the College Parkers a tryout.



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HAWLEY PICKED TO LEAD HATCHETITE GRID LADS

Harry R. Hawley, right tackle on the George Washington University football team last fall, will lead the Hatchetites in 1921. At a recent meeting of the letter men, Hawley was chosen captain. He hails from Idaho, and is in the G. W. U. Law School.

Sweaters were presented to the members of the football team Saturday night at the inter-fraternity smoker held at 1603 Massachusetts avenue.

Those who received the letters and the right to wear the G. W. are Hawley, Daily, Hume, J. Loebler, P. Loebler, Nilsson, Sandys, Walter, Springston, Kay, McAllister, C. Whyte and R. Whyte.

Hatchetites Practice.

George Washington University basketball players start off tonight in practice at the Central High School gymnasium. The Hatchetites will work out Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights until the Central Coliseum is ready for floor practice.

G. W. U. to Practice.

George Washington University basketball players start practice tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the boys' gym at Central High.

Will Play Alumni.

Teach High plans to play an alumni team some time during the week. Former Tech stars are here for the holidays and are arranging a contest.

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